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Class Notes

A Triple Play of Giving



Bruce A. Beal Jr. '88 is a partner and executive vice president of Related Companies, one of the largest private real estate firms in the country. After a series of conversations with Head of School Jake Dresden, Bruce and his wife, Dr. Kathryn Beal, a radiation oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York, were inspired to create the Beal Family Fund for the Head's Priorities at Concord Academy. In addition, the Beals made a second gift to help fund the construction of playing fields on Concord Academy's newly purchased 13.6 acres.

"Jake has had tremendous vision for the school, and it is gratifying for us to be able to provide a gift that will have enduring impact on Concord Academy and offer the institution the ability to capitalize on new opportunities as they present themselves. We are also pleased to be

"Concord Academy offers an exceptional learning environment, diverse student body, and unique sense of community, and my experience there helped to define me as a person. Although I haven't lived in the Boston area for over fifteen years, Head of School Jake Dresden has helped to reconnect me to the school, and I am very impressed with his efforts to further enhance the student experience and Concord's evolution as one of the leading secondary schools. Concord taught me the importance of giving back, and my wife Kathryn and I are proud to be able to support this fine school and create the Beal Family Fund."

—Bruce A. Beal Jr. '88

able to support the athletic program and to ensure that Concord Academy continues to offer a full range of academics, arts, and athletics," Beal said. "As Director of Athletics Carol Anne Beach often points out, in a school that encourages individual achievement as much as Concord Academy, playing on a baseball or lacrosse team can offer an important chance to work in concert with others and understand the value of teamwork."

In addition to these two major gifts, the Beals routinely contribute to CA's Annual Fund because, as Bruce explained, "the school needs to be able to count on critical annual support. I want our contributions to the school to offer a variety of types of gifts—endowment for the future, spendable funds for exciting capital improvements, and annual gifts for sustenance. We are excited about being involved, and delighted to be able to help out on these multiple fronts."

Jake Dresden praised the Beals not only for their generosity, but for the imagination Bruce brought to the structure and philosophy behind his philanthropy. "In the middle of his very busy life in New York City," Dresden said, "Bruce took the time to think hard about Concord Academy and to figure out the most creative ways he might help us out financially, now and in the years to come. I and my successors in this office will always be grateful."



Bruce Beal '88, fourth from left, in the 1987 Concord Academy yearbook